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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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International Whaling Commission; 65th Meeting; Nominations

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; request for nominations.

SUMMARY: This notice is a call for nominees for the U.S. Delegation to the September 2014 International Whaling Commission (IWC) meeting. The non-federal representative(s) selected as a result of this nomination process is(are) responsible for providing input and recommendations to the U.S. IWC Commissioner representing the positions of non-governmental organizations.

DATES: The IWC is holding its 65th meeting from September 15-18, 2014, at the Convention Center of the Grand Hotel Bernardin in Portorož, Slovenia. All written nominations for the U.S. Delegation to the IWC annual meeting must be received by July 7, 2014.

ADDRESSES: All nominations for the U.S. Delegation to the IWC annual meeting should be addressed to Mr. Ryan Wulff, Acting U.S. Commissioner to the IWC, and sent to Melissa Garcia via

email: Melissa.Garcia@noaa.gov; or via post: National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of International Affairs, 1315 East-West Highway, SSMC3 Room 10651, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Melissa Garcia at Melissa.Garcia@noaa.gov or 301-427-8385.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Secretary of Commerce is responsible for discharging the domestic obligations of the United States under the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling, 1946. The U.S. IWC Commissioner has responsibility for the preparation and negotiation of U.S. positions on international issues concerning whaling and for all matters involving the IWC. The U.S. IWC Commissioner is staffed by the Department of Commerce and assisted by the Department of State, the Department of the Interior, the Marine Mammal Commission, and by other agencies. The non-federal representative(s) selected as a result of this nomination process is(are) responsible for providing input and recommendations to the U.S. IWC Commissioner representing the positions of non-governmental organizations. Generally, only one non-governmental position is selected for the U.S. Delegation.

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